



Honiton's

# Millennium Green News

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## Millennium Green

**What a pleasure it is to spend time in the Green, it has given me a definite Spring in my step.**

The daffodils and crocus' although now over, gave us all a wonderful display.

This year Spring came early in February /March, bringing on the cherry blossom and new shoots on the trees. Unfortunately the warm spell did not last very long and the Oak trees have budded before the Ash trees this year, which is unusual.

It is good to see the high standard of ground works, by our contractors, Goodlife Gardeners, is continuing. The grass is looking lush and the cuttings taken away. At the top end of the Green, we are keeping the grass long under the trees and down the bank, to encourage different wildlife, of which we have an abundance.

As you will have noticed the Meadow Area has been extended and a path cut through, so you can view all the wild flowers and insects. As you walk through you can see, both red and white glover, tormentil, purple vetch, buttercups, white hemlock, daisies, I could go on. Have you noticed the Yellow Flag Iris in our Marsh Area and under the trees we've got wood sorrel, hedge parsley, wild strawberries and dog roses in the hedges. We also have several different fungi.

At the beginning of the season, the committee members spent a couple of the days clearing undergrowth, removing the remaining tree guards and ground plastic, also we did some pollarding and coppicing of the hazel trees. We also extended the fencing by the top gate, to try to prevent the bank from wearing down, plus we back filled the edging, along the path, with soil and grass seed.

At this time of the year The Green really is a lovely place to escape from the real world, with it's secluded areas it makes an ideal place for relaxation, where you can sit and listen to the birds or bring the family for a picnic.

by Kassar Retter



# A RESIDENT'S BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE GREEN

by Freda Danby

**Our first view of Honiton Millennium Green was from the lounge window of a bungalow which we were viewing. The outlook was stunning. We were looking at a green area filled with trees and shrubs. We could see no other properties. We moved in.**

We were unprepared for all the birds and wildlife that we could see on a daily basis, the list of birds seemed endless - Bluetits, sparrows, robins, bullfinch. We have them all, also a pair of pheasants rearing young and male and female sparrow hawks. The food bought for the birds is an expense we didn't expect but well worth it.

The Green is a wonderful place to sit and stare. It is popular with young and old. It changes from being vibrant and green in summer to having a magical feel when snow or frost is about in winter. Spring brings out all the colours of the various trees in blossom and the wild flowers. The squirrels and rabbits have a wonderful time early morning before the dog walkers arrive.

Sunrise and sunsets are unbelievably beautiful.

A capable and dedicated team of volunteers strive to keep the Green very natural looking, doing everything they can by protecting the wildlife and fauna to make it a pleasure for all who visit.

by Colin Wright

## Art Competition

The Millennium Green Trustee's are holding an Art Competition on the subject of the Millennium Green.

This will be a children's competition in the following categories:

- under sevens
- eight to eleven
- twelve to sixteen.

The work submitted must be A4 size and can be in any medium.

Entries are to be handed in to the Tourist Information Centre, Lace Walk Car Park no later than **5th September 2011**.

All entries will be displayed in the town, and winning entries will be reproduced in the Autumn Newsletter.

Entries will remain the copyright of the Millennium Green Committee.

Please ensure you put your name and address and a telephone contact number on the reverse of your work, together with your parents consent

Prizes will be a Honiton Toy Shop Voucher to the value of £10 to the winner of each category. A voucher for £7 for second prize and a voucher for £5 for third.

## Band Concert - next date

**Sunday 14th August  
3 - 4pm**

Programme of popular light music for all tastes.

Bring your own seating and picnic.

